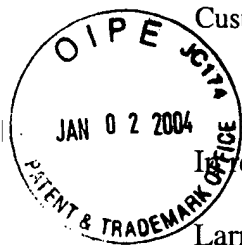


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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 1, 2003 to which a response is due without an extension by January 2, 2004 (January 1 being a Federal Holiday). In view of the following amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow all claims pending in the application.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: